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SUBJ: CSCE BASKET II: POLISH SPOKESMAN SAYS THE GOP'S ECONOMIC
AND TRADE POLICY IS IN ACCORD WITH THE CSCE FINAL ACT

1. SUMMARY: TRYBUNA LUDU OF APRIL 26 REPORTS THAT
WLODZIMIERZ WISNIEWSKI, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO
THE 32ND SESSION OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF EUROPE,
TOLD THE SESSION THAT POLAND'S POLICY OF TRADE EXPANSION
AND BUSINESS FACILITATION WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL
ACT OF THE CSCE. WISNIEWSKI SAID THAT "CONTINUING
TRADE RESTRICTIONS AND INCREASING PROTECTIONIST
TENDENCIES IN THE WEST" WERE OBSTACLES TO POLAND'S
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EFFORTS TO EXPAND ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. HE SAID THE GOP
HOPES THE ECE WILL TAKE "PRACTICAL STEPS" TO IMPROVE
THE SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS SPEECH TO THE ECE MEETING IN GENEVA, WISNIEWSKI
CITED THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF POLAND'S FOREIGN TRADE

WHICH TAKES PLACE WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED WEST AS EVIDENCE OF THE "PRINCIPLES OF AN OPEN ECONOMY" WHICH THE GOP HAS ADOPTED. HE SAID POLAND IS DEVELOPING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE WEST THROUGH INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, AN INCREASED FLOW OF INFORMATION, SUPPORT OF DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND MANUFACTURERS, AND FACILITATION OF THE OPENING IN POLAND OF REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN FIRMS.

3. WISNIEWSKI ALSO SAID THE RECESSION, THE CONTINUATION OF TRADE RESTRICTIONS (QUOTAS, TARIFFS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS) AND THE INCREASING PROTECTIONIST TENDENCIES IN THE WEST WERE PRESENTING OBSTACLES TO POLAND'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND EXPORTS. WISNIEWSKI SAID POLAND EXPECTS THAT THE ECE, IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS OWN RESOLUTIONS AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE, WILL TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS IN THE INTEREST OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND ELIMINATION OF ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS IN EAST-WEST TRADE.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS THE MOST DIRECT PUBLIC COMMENT WE HAVE SEEN FROM A POLISH SPOKESMAN ON THE GOP'S PERFORMANCE UNDER BASKET II OF THE CSCE. WISNIEWSKI, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH CHAMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND A FORMER VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, NO DOUBT EXPRESSED THE POSITION WHICH POLAND WILL ADOPT AT BELGRADE. THAT POSITION WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE NOT ONLY A DEFENSE OF POLAND'S OWN TRADE POLICY BUT ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRITICISM OF WHAT THE GOP CONSIDERS THE SLOWER RESPONSE OF ITS WESTERN TRADING PARTNERS. END COMMENT.

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